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Mr. Christopher P. Arman
Deputy Commissioner
O'Hare Modernization Program
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8755 West Higgins Road
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Dear Mr. Arman:

As you know, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is presently reviewing the Airport Layout Plan for a potentially realigned O'Hare International Airport. In addition, FAA is also developing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the City's proposal to realign the Airport.

As an immediate aid to both of these important undertakings, FAA hereby requests that the City undertake proof of concept modeling of the potential Runway 12 alternative, both with and without provision of the contemplated Far South Runway. This preliminary simulation activity should be conducted with a comprehensive perspective, and the full range of evaluation criteria are to be reviewed and agreed upon by all parties prior to commencement of modeling.

As noted in our letter of March 14, 2003, FAA is currently assessing the Runway 12 option from a "global" perspective. If, as a result of FAA's ongoing "global" assessment, the Runway 12 Alternative were to be deemed reasonable, additional, detailed TAAM modeling would likely need to be undertaken at that time.

If you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours:

Barry D. Cooper
Manager, Chicago Area Modernization Program Office.